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SIR *Thomas Fairfax* and his forces being at *Chesterfield*, A part of our horſe marched neere unto them and beat in their ſcours, and a Troup of their horſe, and ſhewed themſelves upon a hill within the view of the Towne a little before Sun-ſet, where they remained till it grew dark; Then the Souldiers ſet the Whinnes and Gorſe on fire upon that hill, which gave them ſuch an Alarum in the Towne, that *Sir Thomas Fairfax* preſently called to horſe, and about twelve a clock in the night, they quit both that Towne and a Garriſon they had in Sir *Henry Humlocks* houſe, & in great diſorder away they fled to *Nottingham* without any ſtay, having loſt many of their men: moſt of which are now our priſoners. About *Brockſtow* their men ſo ſtraggled, that two parties met with one another in a Lane, and conceiving

ceiving they had met a party of ours, gave fire upon one another, and killed a Leivtenant of their owne. They passed to *Nottingham* extreamly tyred and wearied, and there remained three or foure dayes: from thence they went to *Melton-Mowbray* in *Leicestershire*, and stayed but a while there, nor liking to remain long in one place: But we had no sooner possessed *Chesterfield*, before the rebels possessed themselves of a strong house at *Alfreton* and the Church there, against which we sent two hundred Musqueteers, who fell upon the Church and tooke it by assault (without any losse on our part) & about twenty men in it, together with their armes; whereupon the house and armes were surrendred with this Condition, That they might march away to their owne homes, making first Protestation, never againe to beare armes against his Majestie.

About that time *Colonell Dudley*, Major Generall of the Dragoons, was sent with a commanded party of horse and foot into the *Peake Country*, where at the first about *Ashford*, Hee encountred with at least five hundred foot and three troops of horse, which he charged home, and presently routed them, some of them he killed, and tooke about twenty prisoners, but being late and growing darke, the rest escaped, and in great disorder ran away to save themselves.

About the same time *Comissary Windham* going out with a party of horse and dragoones into *Craven*, was there encountred by some Rebels, which he presently forced into a house (belonging to Sir *William Savile*) called *Aiston Hall*, where though he had some few men hurt, and himself so shot thorow the shoulder, (not without good hopes of recovery) yet continuing their

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Assault, they tooke the house and sixty men in it, (together with all their armes,) whom now they have prisoners at the *Earle* of *Cumberlands* Castle in *Shipton*.

Not long after this, About the twenty seventh day of *November*, the Governour of *Newarke* having intelligence from *Belvoyre*, that the Committee of *Leicester* was at *Melton* raising money, with a guard of two or three troopes of horse, and some dragoones, (which Towne is sixteene miles distant from *Newarke*,) Hee drew forth about foure troopes of horse from thence, and having one from *Belvoyre* to joyne with them, they marched away all night, and comming to *Melton* about breake of day, they presently fell into the Towne, and without the losse of one man they tooke the Committee, (one *Hasterig*, *Stanley*, and *Hatcher*,) three troops of horse (every troop consisting of seventy,) two troopes of dragoones, and one company of foot with all their Commanders both horse and foot, which are now prisoners at *Belvoyre* castle (except one Corner.)

There comes Newes againe from *Colonell Dudley*, who in the morning about three of the clocke on the seven and twentieth day of this instant *November* marched out with all the horse and foot hee had (excepting foure companies of foot and two troopes of horse, which he left to secure and attend the Commissioners of Array then sitting at *Bakewell*,) and went towards the enemies quarters about *Hartlington* towards *Staffordshire*, with an intention to beat up those quarters; but not comming so soone as to performe that intention, the rebels drew out a body of two thousand horse and foot (such as they were) and

with a hideous noiſe, proclaimed the expectation they had of a ſudden victory, but it pleaſed God otherwiſe to diſpoſe of them; For *Colonell Dudley* (leaving onely a good reſerve of foot and one troope of horſe,) charged the Rebels with all the reſt of his horſe and foot in a full body at once, which was ſo home, that with his horſe hee beat quite through their Reare of foot into the midſt of their horſe, and forced them to a diſorderly retreate; and not willing to give them time to recollect, hee purſued and ſlew above one hundred of them upon the place, following the chaſe into *Staffordſhire* neere five miles together, (almoſt to *Leeke*) and doing ſharp execution all the way. Then hee drew up his horſe in order, and made a ſtand, and ſent backe a meſſenger to know the ſucceſſe of the foot, who had by that time routed all the Rebels foot, onely three hundred or thereabouts retreated into the Church which they had prepared with ſtrong Barricadoes, but before this meſſenger came thither, the Foot had forced one of the Church doores, and taken, and ſlaine every man of them. They tooke ten Officers, three Colours of foot, and one of horſe, and among others the brother of *Colonell Aſhenhurſt*.

About this time upon the left hand, a body of three hundred horſe appeared from *Derby* to joyne with the Rebels, but they found that they came too late, and our horſe marching towards them, they fled away into *Staffordſhire*.

And *Colonell Dudley* having then ſecured the priſoners, and given the Souldiers the Pillage of the field, marched againe that night to *Bakewell* to his quarters there.

there. In this whole action hee knowes not of any one man ſlaine on our part, and but five hurt, whereof not one Officer but Lievtenant Colonell *Preſton*, and he not dangerouſly.

Upon the nine and twentieth day of *November*, So ſoone as the Rebels who poſſeſſed *Chatteſworth Houſe* (the principall ſeat of the *Earle* of *Devonſhire*,) then under the command of Captaine *Stafford*, heard of this newes; though the place was very ſtrong, and three hundred well provided to defend it, yet not adventuring either an Aſſault or a Summons, they quit their hold and are fled away.

FINIS.